RAPID SEQUENCE INTUBATION (RSI) - ALGORITHM

**Support Ventilations with BVM using OPA or NPA as necessary**

**Obtain IV Access**

- **NO**
  - If patient is lethargic, in respiratory distress, has a gag reflex, is combative, or otherwise unable to intubate: Perform RSI
  - Suspected Increased Intracranial Pressure

- **YES**
  - Attempt Intubation

**Confirm placement, maintain airway, and ventilate**

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- Perform RSI

**Suspected Increased Intracranial Pressure**

- **YES**
  - Consider Lidocaine 1mg/kg as adjunct medication when intubating patients with suspected ICP.
  - Administer Etomidate 0.3 mg/kg IV/IO

- **NO**
  - Administer Etomidate 0.3 mg/kg IV/IO or Midazolam 0.1 mg/kg IV/IO (Contraindicated in hypotensive patients)

**Administer Succinylocholine 1.5 mg/kg IVP**

- (Unless patient is known or suspected to be hyperkalemic or have increased intraocular pressure)

**If there is no jaw relaxation or decreased resistance to ventilation within two (2) minutes, or if the patient begins to resist:**

- Repeat Succinylocholine 1.5 mg/kg IVP

**Administer Midazolam 0.1 mg/kg IV/IO (Contraindicated in hypotensive patients)**

**Intubate after muscle relaxation**

**Administer Vecuronium 0.1 mg/kg IV/IO**

**Contact Medical Command**